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**FTC Proposed Rule** 

**Dear Senator Martinez:** 

I am writing to strongly request that you prevent implementation of the FTC's proposed "Business Opportunity" rule (16 CFR Part 437).

I have been in the direct selling business for several years. And, as such, I am deeply concerned that this rule would have a negative effect on home-based businesses and income.

Specifically, the FTC's proposal would require the following unrealistic and overly bureaucratic procedures:

- A 7-day waiting period before a new distributor/associate can sign up.
- Provide the names and phone numbers of the 10 nearest prior purchasers of the "business opportunity" to all potential associates/distributors, thereby violating the privacy rights of others.
- Provide a list of lawsuits filed against the company going back 10 years. thereby allowing allegations and/or meritless lawsuits to turn into winning lawsuits.

Although the FTC's proposal might be well-intentioned, it is ill-conceived and would be detrimen'al to many or most small businesses. Further, the proposed rule would unfairly target legitimate publicly held businesses.

In short, the proposed FTC rule should, at a minimum, be reconsidered and changed drastically.

Thank you for your support in quickly stopping this proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Karen G. Meyer

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